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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to take a moment to give my feelings on the settlement reached last year between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I believe the settlement is fair to both sides and should continue to be supported by the federal government.

The settlement is extensive, aggressive, and covers all the issues that were in dispute. Microsoft has agreed to many concessions for the sake of wrapping up this suit and moving forward. One example is Microsoft agreeing to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products. This is a first for an antitrust settlement and reveals the strength of the agreement on the government's part.

I believe settling this case and ending the litigation can only help the economy during this difficult period. It will bring some certainty to the computer industry and lessen the uncertainty about where the litigation may be heading. I commend your office for the efforts so far and hope your support for the settlement remains strong.

Sincerely,

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